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XM radio provided me with a predictible venue for accessing metrotraffic + weather data. It is presented in a format which can be understood by the casual traveler through specific cities as well as the locals. I am an over-the-road driver transporting chemicals in bulk tanker trailers. My attention to driving is not comprimised by vainly searching for a traffic/weather broadcast of the area with unknown broadcast frequencies @ unknown times to myself. The XM traffic reports are given with route numbers as well as the local route names which a casual traveler is not familiar with. The local AM/FM traffic broadcasts if available at all are usually given in a terse "short-hand" format generally listing only local route "jargon" names which is usually meaningless to me.

I voluntarily pay for this service and my rights as well as the safety of my highway peers would be seriously be infringed upon by any attempts to curtail or limit my accessability to any local traffic + weather data currently provided by

my XM service . Thankyou.

sincerely yours,

Jim Cowart